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Proposed Bill No. 5687

LCO No. 1375



Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE, BREAST CANCER
AND BREAST HEALTH.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That title 38a of the general statutes be amended to: (1) Require health
2 insurance coverage, without any out-of-pocket expense, for (A)
3 diagnostic and screening mammograms, breast ultrasounds and
4 magnetic resonance imaging of breasts for all insureds, (B) breast
5 biopsies for all insureds, (C) prophylactic mastectomies and breast
6 reconstruction surgery for all insureds who have the harmful variant of
7 breast cancer gene one (BRCA1), breast cancer gene two (BRCA2) or any
8 similar gene variant that materially increases breast cancer risk, (D)
9 breast reconstruction surgery for all insureds who have undergone a
10 mastectomy, (E) breast cancer detection and diagnosis for all insureds
11 who have been treated for a childhood cancer and received radiation
12 treatment directed at the chest as part of the treatment for such cancer,
13 (F) breast cancer screenings for transgender insureds undergoing
14 hormone therapy, (G) a baseline mammogram, and diagnostic and
15 screening mammograms, breast ultrasounds and magnetic resonance

16 imaging of breasts, for all insureds under thirty-five years of age who
17 have (i) the harmful variant of breast cancer gene one (BRCA1), breast
18 cancer gene two (BRCA2) or any similar gene variant that materially
19 increases breast cancer risk, or (ii) a family member who was diagnosed
20 with breast cancer while the family member was under forty years of
21 age; and (2) establish a program to provide outreach to women of color,
22 including, but not limited to, young women of color, regarding the
23 importance of breast health and early breast cancer detection.

Statement of Purpose:

To: (1) Expand required health insurance coverage for benefits related to breast cancer; and (2) establish a program to provide outreach to women of color regarding the importance of breast health and early breast cancer detection.